

55419 to 55423—Continued.

55422. ACACIA SPIROCARPA Hochst.

An umbrellalike tree 20 to 40 feet in height with snow-white heads of fragrant flowers and narrow, spirally twisted pods. It is quite common in dry, open, rocky places in Abyssinia at an altitude of about 4,500 feet. (Adapted from *Chioventa, Osservazioni Botaniche nell'Abissinia*, p. 101.)

55423. ACACIA VERUGERA Schweinf.

This Abyssinian acacia forms a handsome tree 60 feet in height, with very long spines, light-green feathery foliage, and round heads of pale-yellow flowers. (Adapted from *Linnaea*, vol. 35, p. 340.)

For previous introduction, see S. P. I. No. 44924.

55424 to 55441.

From Harbin, northern Manchuria. Presented by B. W. Skvortzow. Received May 10, 1922. Quoted notes by Mr. Skvortzow.

A collection of seeds from northern Manchuria.

55424 and 55425. AMARANTHUS spp. Amaranthaceæ.

Introduced for testing as possible sources of leaf vegetables for diabetics.

55424. AMARANTHUS CAUDATUS L.

The young leaves of this plant are used like spinach.

55425. AMARANTHUS PANICULATUS L.

The seeds of this plant are much used by Mexican Indians for making sweetmeats; the seeds are first roasted, then mixed with sirup made of honey or of sugar and water, rolled into balls, and eaten like sugared pop corn. The seeds are also ground and cooked in small cakes known as *alegria*, these cakes being eaten in large quantities by the poorer classes. (Adapted from note of Mrs. Zelia Nuttall under S. P. I. No. 46310.)

For previous introduction, see S. P. I. No. 54407.

55426. CORIANDRUM SATIVUM L. Apiaceæ. Coriander.

"A Chinese variety."

55427. FAGOPYRUM VULGARE Hill. Polygonaceæ. Buckwheat.

A medium-sized variety with brownish gray seeds.

55428. HOLCUS SORGHUM L. Poaceæ. Sorghum.

(*Sorghum vulgare* Pers.)

A reddish yellow variety with black hulls.

55429. ORYZA SATIVA L. Poaceæ. Rice.

"Water rice."

55430 to 55432. PHASEOLUS ANGULARIS (Willd.) W. F. Wight. Fabaceæ. Adzuki bean.

55430. Straw-colored variety.

55431. Small red variety.

55432. "From the Chinese market."

Large variety with mottled red and white seeds.

55433 and 55434. PHASEOLUS AUREUS Roxb. Fabaceæ. Mung bean.

55433. Seeds dull grayish green.

55434. "From the Chinese market."

Seeds bright green.